



Solar Thermal Program Awards \$59,000 for Hot Water Projects *Apartment Complexes, Food Co-op to Install Heating or Hot Water Systems*

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(Indianapolis) –Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced that two apartment complexes and a food co-op have been awarded grants to help install systems that use the power of the sun for heating and hot water needs. The grants were part of the Indiana Solar Thermal grant program that used federal funds administered through the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED).

Bloomingfoods, a food co-op in Bloomington, Bart Villa Apartments in Bloomington, and the Shannon Glenn Apartments in Evansville are installing systems as part of the local matching grant. Bloomingfoods Market & Deli received \$8,875 and will use the funds for a system to meet its hot water needs. The apartment complexes both received \$25,000 grants and will both be heating multiple units with solar thermal technology. Shannon Glenn is a low-income residential facility.

“These Hoosier businesses see the value in reducing our use of traditional energy sources,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “Over time, as these systems begin paying for themselves, they will also see the economic value of targeted use of renewable energy such as solar thermal.”

The Indiana Solar Thermal grant program provided competitive grants up to \$25,000 for the installation of solar thermal equipment in Hoosier businesses, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities or schools. Grantees are required to underwrite 75 percent of the project costs.

The program is administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED). The grants are funded through the U.S. Department of Energy and the State Energy Program, but are not part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funding.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state’s energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov, or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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